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15 JUN 1977


Mr. James Hougan
Washington Editor, Harper's Magazine
3431-A South Stafford Street
Arlington, VA 22206

Dear Mr. Hougan:

I am in receipt of your letter of 10 June 1977, requesting a print of a film mentioned in Senate Report No. 94-465, along with related documentary records.

Our files reveal that you owe us \$15.60 in fees for earlier requests. I refer you to my letters of 15 March 1976 and 14 July 1976. It is our policy not to accept new requests from individuals who have failed to pay the charges incurred in processing previous requests on their behalf. Accordingly, I will defer any action on your latest request until I receive your check, in the amount of \$15.60, payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

Sincerely,



Gene F. Wilson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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(Not until we receive
fee payment.)

Jim Hougan
3431-A So. Stafford
Arlington, Va. 22206

~~May 26, 1977~~

JUNE 10, 1977 *PRH*

Dear Sir:

This is a request made under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. #552).

To avoid any misunderstanding, and to facilitate your search, I would refer you to the second paragraph of the fourth footnote on page 74 of "Alleged Assassination Plots Involving Foreign Leaders," an interim report of the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with respect to Intelligence Activities; the Senate Report is No. 94-465 (U.S. Government Printing Office, 1975). The footnote to which I have reference mentions "the production of a film in Hollywood purporting to depict a foreign leader with a woman in the Soviet Union." According to the same Senate report, the film was produced by Robert A. Maheu at the behest of the CIA. While no date is mentioned, the film is believed to have been made in the middle-, or late-, 1950s.

My FOI request, then, is for a copy or "print" of that film, and for any memoranda, reports, scripts or files pertaining to its production, Mr. Maheu's role, and the film's intended use.

As you know, the amended (FOI) Act provides that if some parts of a file are exempt from release that 'reasonably segregable' portions shall be provided. I therefore request that, if you determine that some portions of the requested material are exempt, you provide me immediately with a copy of the remainder.

If you decide that some or all of the material is exempt from release, I'd appreciate your advising me as to which exemption(s) you believe are relevant to the denial. I'm prepared to pay reasonable costs for locating and reproducing the requested file but... As you know, the amended Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees if it "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public. This request plainly fits that category: as a journalist, my intention is to write about the episode represented by the file and, thereby, to inform the public of its occurrence and significance.

As provided for in the FOI Act, I'll expect a reply within two weeks.

Sincerely yours,